AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An information processing system comprising:

a potential detection section which detects a predetermined potential applied to a serial bus terminal;

a power supply section which supplies the predetermined potential to each component part as a source potential upon detection of the predetermined potential by the potential detection section;

an information detection section which detects command information supplied to the serial bus terminal;

a determining section which determines a ~~first~~ key operation mode for performing a process in accordance with at least operating information supplied from an ~~operating key~~ operation switch operated by a user arranged on a ~~main~~ body, before the information detection section detects the command information and after the potential detection section detects the predetermined potential, and

which changes the ~~first~~ key operation mode to a ~~second~~ command operation mode for performing a process in accordance with the command information supplied to the serial bus terminal, after the

information detection section detects the command information;

and

a processing section which executes one of an encryption process and a

decryption process in accordance with the operation mode

determined by the determining section.

2. (Currently Amended) An information processing system according to claim 1,

wherein the processing section is initially set in the <u>key</u> operation mode ~~for~~

~~executing the processing operation in accordance with the operating information~~

~~supplied from the operation key~~.

3. (Currently Amended) An information processing system according to claim 1,

wherein the processing section is set in ~~the~~ <u>a</u> dual <u>operation</u> mode for executing

the processing operation in accordance with both the operating information

supplied from the operation ~~key~~ <u>switch</u> and the command information supplied

through the serial bus terminal.

4. (Currently Amended) An information processing system according to claim 1,

wherein, after the information detection section detects the command

information, upon detection of a drop of the predetermined potential by the

potential detection section after entering the <u>command</u> operation mode ~~for~~

~~performing the processing operation in accordance with the command~~

~~information supplied to the serial bus terminal~~, the <u>command</u> operation mode is changed to ~~perform the processing operation in accordance with the operating information supplied from the operation key~~ <u>the key operation mode</u>.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) An information processing system according to claim 1, wherein, after the information detection section detects the command information, upon detection of a drop of the predetermined potential by the potential detection section after entering the <u>command</u> operation mode ~~for performing the processing operation in accordance with the command information supplied to the serial bus terminal~~, the <u>command</u> operation mode is changed as initially set <u>to a dual operation mode</u> to perform the processing operation in accordance with both the operating information supplied from the operation key and the command information supplied through the serial bus terminal.

7. (Currently Amended) An information processing system according to claim 1, wherein <u>a</u> selected one of the encryption process and the decryption process is executed in the <u>command</u> operation mode ~~in accordance with the command information supplied to the serial bus terminal~~ upon detection of the command information by the information detection section before the lapse of a

predetermined time from the detection by the potential detection section of the predetermined potential applied to the serial bus terminal, and a selected one of the encryption process and the decryption process is executed in the initially set operation mode, without regard to the detection of the command information, after the lapse of a predetermined time from the detection by the potential detection section of the predetermined potential applied to the serial bus terminal.

8. (Currently Amended) An information processing system according to claim 1, wherein, during the recording or reproducing operation of the processing section, a selected one of the encryption process and the decryption process is executed in accordance with the initially set operation mode without regard to the presence or absence of the command information detected by the information detection section.

9. (Currently Amended) An information processing system according to claim 1, wherein a selected one of the encryption process and the decryption process is executed in accordance with the initially set operation mode during the recording or reproducing operation of the processing section without regard to the presence or absence of the command information detected by the information detection section, and selected one of the encryption process and the decryption process is executed in accordance with the command information supplied to the

~~serial bus terminal~~ <u>in the command operation mode</u> upon detection of the command information by the information detection section after the recording operation or the reproducing operation.

10. (Currently Amended) An information processing system according to claim 1, wherein <u>a</u> selected one of the encryption process and the decryption process is executed in accordance with the initially set operation mode during the recording or reproducing operation of the processing section without regard to the presence or absence of the command information detected by the information detection section, and selected one of the encryption process and the decryption process is executed in ~~accordance with the command information supplied to the serial bus terminal~~ <u>in the command operation mode</u> upon detection of the command information by the information detection section after the recording operation or the reproducing operation.

11. (Currently Amended) An information processing system according to claim 1, wherein, as long as the processing section is initially set in the operation mode to be supplied with power from an external source, selected one of the encryption process and the decryption process is executed in accordance with at least the operating information supplied from the operation ~~key~~ <u>switch</u> on the body, without regard to whether the information detection section has detected the command

information or not, after detection of the predetermined potential by the potential detection section.

12. (Currently Amended) An information processing system according to claim 1, wherein, as long as the processing section is initially set in the operation mode to be supplied with power from an external source, selected one of the encryption process and the decryption process is executed <u>in a dual operation mode to perform the processing operation</u> in accordance with both the operating information supplied from the operation ~~key~~ <u>switch</u> on the body and the command information supplied through the serial bus terminal, without regard to whether the information detection section has detected the command information or not, after detection of the predetermined potential by the potential detection section.

13. (Currently Amended) An information processing method comprising:

   detecting a predetermined potential applied to a serial bus terminal and supplying the predetermined potential as a source potential;

   determining a ~~first~~ <u>key</u> operation mode for performing a process in accordance with at least operating information supplied from an ~~operating key~~ <u>operation switch operated by a user</u> arranged on a ~~main~~ body<u>,</u> before the information detection section detects the

command information and after the potential detection step detects

the predetermined potential, and

changing the ~~first~~ key operation mode to a ~~second~~ command operation

mode for performing a process in accordance with the command

information ~~supplied to the serial bus terminal~~ after the information

detection step detects the command information; and

executing one of an encryption process and a decryption process ~~in~~

~~accordance with the determined operation mode~~ in an operation

mode determined in accordance with the presence or absence of

the command information.

14. (Currently Amended) An information processing method according to claim 13,

wherein a selected one of the encryption process and the decryption process is

executed in the command operation mode ~~in accordance with the command~~

~~information supplied to the serial bus terminal~~ before the lapse of a

predetermined time from the detection of the predetermined potential applied to

the serial bus terminal, and selected one of the encryption process and the

decryption process is executed according to the initially set operation mode,

without regard to whether the command information has been detected or not,

after the lapse of a predetermined time from the detection of the predetermined

potential applied to the serial bus terminal.

15. (Currently Amended) An information processing method according to claim 13, wherein, during recording or reproducing operation of the processing section, a selected one of the encryption process and the decryption process is executed in accordance with the initially set operation mode without regard to the presence or absence of the command information.

16. (Currently Amended) An information processing method according to claim 13, wherein, as long as the operation mode is initially set to supply power from an external source, selected one of the encryption process and the decryption process is executed in accordance with at least the operating information supplied from the operation key on the body in the key operation mode, without regard to whether the command information supplied to the serial bus terminal has been detected or not after detection of the predetermined potential.

17. (Currently Amended) An information processing system comprising:

>   a potential detection section which detects a predetermined potential applied to an input interface;

>   a power supply section which supplies the predetermined potential to each component part as a source potential upon detection of the predetermined potential by the potential detection section;

>   an information detection section which detects the command information supplied to the input interface;

a determining section which determines a ~~first~~ <u>key</u> operation mode for

performing a process in accordance with at least operating

information supplied from an ~~operating key~~ <u>operation switch</u>

<u>operated by a user</u> arranged on a ~~main~~ body before the information

detection section detects the command information after the

potential detection section detects the predetermined potential, and

which changes the ~~first~~ <u>key</u> operation mode to a ~~second~~ <u>command</u>

operation mode for performing a process in accordance with the

command information supplied to the serial bus terminal after the

information detection section detects the command information;

and

a processing section which executes one of an encryption process and a

decryption process in accordance with the operation mode

determined by the determining section.